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Letter dated 21 March 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.  
of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United  
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions I have received, I have the honour to request you to circulate the enclosed statement issued by the Press Service of the Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan on 20 March 1994 as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Statement issued by the Press Service of the Ministry of Defence  
of Azerbaijan on 20 March 1994

Beginning on the morning of 19 March 1994, the enemy, having concentrated armoured equipment and a large number of troops in the southern sector of the front, launched a large-scale attack on the Goradiz station from three directions and on positions occupied by the Azerbaijani army near the town of Ashagi Seidakhmedly from the vicinity of the occupied village of Korgan. Units of the Armenian armed forces also attempted to advance from the previously occupied settlement of Kuropatkino. For 24 hours, pitched battles raged in those sectors of the front. On the eve of the religious holiday of Novruz, the armed forces of Azerbaijan thoroughly repelled the aggressor, inflicting significant casualties. In the vicinity of Goradiz, the enemy lost one tank and one BMP armoured vehicle, and 100 soldiers were killed or wounded. The enemy was forced to withdraw to earlier positions in all sectors of the front.

At the same time, a number of villages along the border in the Taz district were subjected to shelling from Armenian territory from various kinds of weapons.

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